

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Agriculture		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade		1263	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/08/2015	06/08/2019	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Section 135(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.	03/27/1975	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Other Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open 0	17b. Closed 12	17c. Partially Closed 0	17d. Total 12

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
NAFTA Renegotiation Overview: The Administration seeks to negotiate improved market access around the world via the negotiation of improved free trade agreements. To that end, the Administration has prioritized renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Negotiating priorities have been requested from trade advisory committees by June 30, 2017. The primary focus of this meeting will be drafting, deliberating and voting on the requested committee input.	01/10/2018	01/10/2018
The primary focus of this meeting will be updating Advisor's on the current status of the NAFTA negotiations.	03/07/2018	03/07/2018
KORUS Overview: The Administration seeks to negotiate improved market access around the world via the negotiation of improved free trade agreements. To that end, the Administration has recently concluded renegotiation of some aspects of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement. Input from trade advisory committees is an option. A topic of discussion for this meeting will be for the committee to consider if committee input is warranted.	04/10/2018	04/10/2018
NAFTA Renegotiation Overview: The Administration seeks to negotiate improved market access around the world via the negotiation of improved free trade agreements. To that end, the Administration has prioritized renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Negotiations have been slower than anticipated, but may conclude soon.		

China: USDA and USTR seek to debrief agricultural advisors on the current status of the negotiations with China. Priority issues including trade in biotech products and beef will be among the topics of conversation. 06/05/2018 - 06/05/2018

China Tariffs: Given that USTR published a proposed list of products imported from China that could be subject to additional 25% tariffs, as well as an exemption process, we are seeking formal written input from each trade advisory committee with respect to any aspect of the proposed action. A topic of discussion for this meeting will be for the committee to consider if committee input is warranted and what that input should be. 07/20/2018 - 07/20/2018

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The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is the Negotiations with Canada and agreement with Mexico relative to NAFTA. 08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018

The specific topic to be discussed at this meeting is the FY 2019 Refined Sugar and Sugar Containing Products TRQ allocations: Specifically, the Administration seeks committee advice on allocation options for the Sugar and Sugar Containing Products TRQ allocation for FY2019. 08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018

The specific topics to be discussed at this meeting include NAFTA 08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018

NAFTA Renegotiation Overview: The Administration has concluded negotiations with Mexico and is continuing negotiations with Canada. Required congressional reports are due from committees by September 27, 2018. The primary focus of this meeting will be drafting, deliberating and voting on the requested committee input. 09/19/2018 - 09/19/2018

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Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 12

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$16,000.00	\$20,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
18d. Total	\$18,000.00	\$22,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture on trade and other economic issues that affect U.S.

agriculture. In recent years, the Administration has consulted the Committee frequently on trade issues such as WTO negotiations, as well as the evaluation of benefits from existing FTAs with Canada, Mexico and Korea. The Administration relied heavily on the Committee's guidance on many aspects of the formulation of trade strategies, proposals, and agreements. The Committee accomplishes its purpose by reviewing sensitive materials provided by USTR/USDA and providing feedback to the principal parties either through written or electronic communications. Members also attend face-to face meetings with the Secretary of Agriculture and USTR in attendance. Advisors are required to hold a Secret Clearance. The minutes from the meetings are not available due to an exemption granted within the Trade Act of 1974.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members are selected from producers, processors, traders, manufacturers, and consumer representatives that are either self-nominated or recommended by an organization for membership. Also, special emphasis has been placed on soliciting nominations from traditionally under-represented groups.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee meets as needed to provide advice and counsel to the Administration on significant and timely agricultural trade matters. This Committee meets approximately twice a year. Conference calls are also a method used to hold ad hoc meetings.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Meetings are conducted so that U.S. trade negotiators can use the meetings to discuss and seek private sector advice regarding sensitive trade policy matters, the disclosure of which could seriously compromise the U.S. Government's development of policy priorities, negotiating objectives, and bargaining positions. Members must obtain a confidential security clearance so that government-classified documents can be discussed. Thus, meetings are closed to the public. Given the nature of these discussions, no other setting can be used to seek such advice without compromising U.S. trade policy.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Section 135(g) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)) protects certain communications between and among committee members and appropriate Federal government officials in connection with trade matters, more specifically, trade negotiations, the operation of an existing trade agreement, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of U.S. trade policy.

21. Remarks

The meetings for this committee are typically closed to the public.

Designated Federal Officer

Bob Spitzer DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adams, Gary	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	National Cotton Council of America, Inc.	Representative Member
Allen, Cynthia	10/16/2015	10/16/2019	Allen Farms	Representative Member
Artho, Dale	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Dale and Kathy Artho Farms	Representative Member
Ayala, Carlos	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Perdue Foods, LLC	Representative Member
Baccus, Steve	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Baccus Farms, Inc.	Representative Member
Batcha, Laura	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Organic Trade Association	Representative Member
Blindauer, Chad	06/15/2014	06/15/2018	Blindauer Farms (for National Corn Growers Association)	Representative Member
Brantley, L. Dow	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	USA Rice Federation	Representative Member
Calhoun, Gregory	10/16/2017	10/22/2018	Calhoun Enterprises	Representative Member
Caspers, Jon	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	National Pork Producers Council	Representative Member
Durbin, Annie	06/10/2015	01/28/2019	U.S. Agricultural Export Development Council	Representative Member
Dykes, Michael	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	International Dairy Foods Association	Representative Member
Echols, Marsha	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	World Food Law Institute	Representative Member
Flint, Jerry	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	DuPont - Pioneer	Representative Member
Foster, Nancy	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	National Renderers Association	Representative Member
Gibson, Hezekiah	06/10/2015	08/24/2018	(non-profit) United Farmers USA, Inc.	Representative Member
Glenn, Barbara	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	National Association of State Department	Representative Member
Hammer (Vice Chair), Thomas	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	(non profit) National Oilseed Processors Association	Representative Member
Herzfeld (Chair), Shannon	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Archer Daniels Midland, Inc.	Representative Member
Kester, Kevin	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	National Cattlemen's Beef Association	Representative Member
Koch, Robert	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Wine Institute	Representative Member
Larew, Robert	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	National Farmers	Representative Member
Miller, James	10/16/2017	10/16/2021	Growth Energy	Representative Member
Morris, Brenda	06/10/2015	06/15/2019	Morris Farms	Representative Member

Moss, Daniel	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 Moss Ag, LLC and Arrowhead Potato Company	Representative Member
Mulhern, James	10/16/2017 10/16/2021 National Milk Producers Federation	Representative Member
Nassif, Thomas	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 (trade association) Western Growers Association	Representative Member
Peterson, Vince	10/16/2017 10/16/2021 U.S. Wheat Association	Representative Member
Reed, Harvey	10/16/2017 10/16/2021 Louisiana Association of Cooperatives	Representative Member
Schlect, Christian	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 (non-profit trade assn) Northwest Horticultural Council	Representative Member
Seng, Phil	10/16/2015 10/16/2019 U.S. Meat Export	Representative Member
Steinkamp, Joseph	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 Steinkamp Farms	Representative Member
Strickland, Renee	06/10/2015 06/10/2019 Strickland Ranch and Exports	Representative Member
Stuart, Michael	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 (non-profit trade assn) Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association	Representative Member
Sumner, James	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 (non-profit) USA Poultry & Egg Export Council	Representative Member
Thompson, Rayne	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 (cooperative) Sunkist Growers, Inc.	Representative Member
Wooten, Larry	06/10/2015 06/15/2019 (non-profit) North Carolina Farm Bureau	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 37

Narrative Description

APAC supports USDA's international trade functions by providing advice to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of Agriculture on trade policy and other economic issues that affect U.S. agriculture.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

24

Number of Recommendations Comments

The number of recommendations varies from year-to-year. Historically, the Agency has misunderstood the use of this field and therefore, the total number of recommendations noted above for the life of this Committee is underreported. Efforts are underway to search historical records to be able to amend this section in the future to include the total number of recommendations produced since inception. For FY 18, The APAC committee proposed no resolution however put forth 8 recommendations and letters. For FY 2018, the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee issued 3 resolutions.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Implementation does not necessarily apply to a number of the recommendations. The committee provides formal recommendations in the form of resolutions, but the committee provides numerous recommendations orally at meetings. The recommendations in all cases are fully considered by USTR and USDA negotiators in the course of pursuing free trade agreements and resolving trade disputes.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

See above.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Through frequent conference calls jointly held with USTR, as well as during committee meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other



Access Comments

N/A